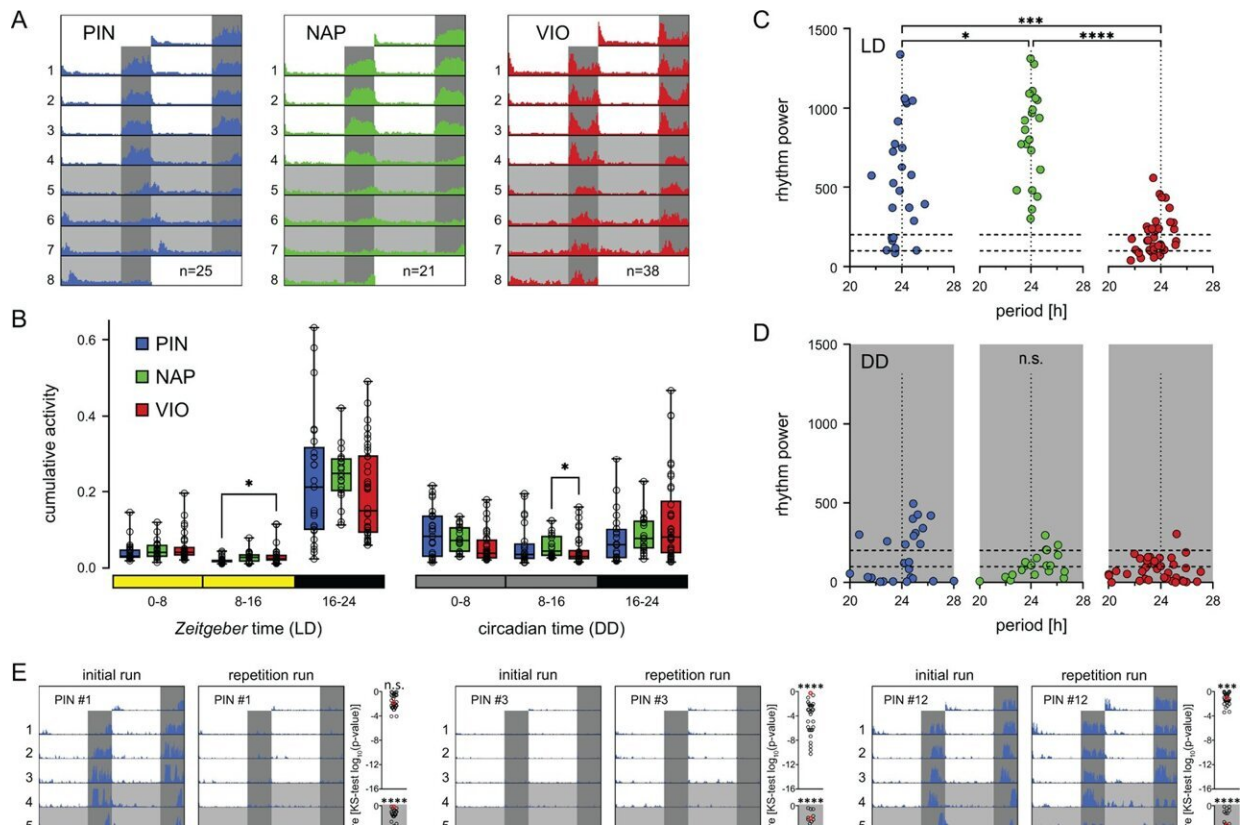


No two worms are alike: New study confirms that even the simplest marine organisms tend to be individualistic

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Interstrain and interindividual variability in circadian behavioral rhythmicity. The circadian locomotor activities of the 3 *Platynereis* strains PIN (blue), NAP (green), and VIO (red) are compared. (A) Double-plotted actograms of mean

locomotor activity over 4 d of a 16 h:8 h light/dark cycle (LD) followed by 4 d of constant darkness (DD). Individual worm actograms are provided in S2 Fig. (B) Cumulative activity across early day (0–8), late day (8–16), and night (16–24) in LD and DD. Box: median with 25%/75% percentiles, whiskers: min/max. (C, D) Period/power of locomotor rhythms in the 20-h–28-h range in LD and DD determined by Lomb–Scargle periodogram. Dashed horizontal lines: thresholds for strong rhythm power (>200) and complete arrhythmicity (

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